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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Resources for Personnel Security (U)

1. (C) With the concurrence of the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB), I have approved issuance of a directive (DCID 1/16) providing policy and procedures on the security of foreign intelligence in automated data processing (ADP) systems and networks. NFIB discussion of this matter focused on personnel security considerations bearing on system access. The Board noted that we do not yet have fully reliable security software for ADP systems to guard against unauthorized access to volumes of sensitive data or modification of data bases. The consensus was that we can best guard against these problems by ensuring that persons authorized access to ADP systems holding sensitive data have had personnel security investigations sufficient to verify their bona fides and to provide reasonable assurances of their loyalty and trustworthiness. The new DCID 1/16 requires persons accessing a central computer facility or its terminals when the system holds sensitive compartmented information to have a TOP SECRET clearance based on prescribed background investigation requirements set forth in DCID 1/14.

2. (C) I am aware that DCID 1/16 will require Defense (particularly for the Military Services) to conduct more background investigations than they do now. I recognize that this carries resource implications, but I am convinced that the modest amount involved (roughly \$2 million) is marginal when contrasted to the direct cost benefits of sharing ADP systems and to the value to national security of maintaining the security integrity of sensitive intelligence. I therefore seek your assistance in ensuring that sufficient resources are made available to conduct adequate background investigations on military personnel and Defense employees who will have access to sensitive intelligence in ADP systems.

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